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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention is directed to beverage compositions comprising:

- a) a first component which is arabinogalactan; and
- b) a second component comprising one or more minerals selected from the group consisting of zinc, iron, magnesium, calcium, selenium, iodine, and fluorine.

The present compositions are useful to provide beverage compositions which deliver adequate levels of water soluble dietary fiber and important minerals without affecting the product appearance, product taste, and mineral bioavailability. At the same time, the compositions herein deliver the benefits of fiber, one or more of the defined minerals, and / or provide other health benefits, including fighting infection, promoting healthy bacteria, and providing a desired dietary fiber benefit. These and other benefits of the present invention are described herein.

